REMARKS

Applicants would like to thank the Examiner for indicating that claims 3-24 would be allowable if rewritten in independent form, and that claims 25-41 are allowed. Applicants have written claim 3 into independent form, and changed the dependency of claims 2 and 41, so that they depend from claim 3. Accordingly, applicants submit that all claims should now be allowable.

The rejections of claims 1 and 2 have been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 1 has been cancelled. Claim 2 has been amended to depend from claim 3. Withdrawal of these grounds of rejection is respectfully requested.

The objection to claims 3-24 has been obviated by appropriate amendment. Claim 3 has been placed into independent form. Withdrawal of the objection is respectfully requested.

Applicants submit that the present application is now in condition for allowance. Early notice of such action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully submitted,

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